

Remarks

Claims 1-36 and 38-63 are pending in the application, and stand rejected. Claim 37 has been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer.

Telephonic interview

The undersigned thanks Examiner Phuong for the courtesy of a telephonic interview on August 29, 2006.

Response to Amendment

The Office Action states that the response filed 3/22/06 canceled claims 7, 8 and 16, and added new claim 21, and that claims 1-6, 9-15 and 17-21 are pending. This is in error. The response filed 3/22/06 only canceled claim 37. Claims 1-36 and 38-63 are pending.

Claim rejections

Section 103

Claims 1-5, 8-19, 21-31 and 33-61 were rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Holt et al. (US App. Pub. No. 20050113074) ("Holt") in view of Lunsford et al. (US App. Pub. No. 2002/0065041) ("Lunsford"). The Applicant respectfully traverses. Holt and Lunsford cannot support the asserted rejection for at least the reason that they do not disclose or suggest "generating a dialing request at a remote control device based on an operation of a dedicated control of the remote control device, the dedicated control dedicated to generating the dialing request to transmit a dialing signal to a mobile communication device," as recited in independent claim 1. The other independent claims recite substantially similar features (e.g., claims 33 and 36 recite a dedicated "access button").

The cited portions of Holt (i.e., FIG. 1B, the abstract and paragraphs [0060] and [0061]) only disclose a spoken "attention signal" or a manual operation on a mobile station, such as pressing a button on its keypad. There is no remote control device involved (note that in the present claims, the remote control device is distinct from a mobile communication device to which the dialing signal is sent), and consequently,

there is further no dedicated control or dedicated access button of the remote control device involved.

Lunsford is also silent with regard to a dedicated control as claimed. The combination of Holt and Lunsford therefore do not support the rejection. Accordingly, withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

Claims 6, 7, 62 and 63 were rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Holt in view of Lunsford, and further in view of Cheung (US App. Pub. No. 2004/0024647). The Applicant respectfully traverses. Claims 6 and 7 depend on claim 1, and claims 62 and 63 depend on claim 56. Claims 1 and 56 are allowable over Holt and Lunsford for reasons discussed above, and Cheung does not cure deficiencies in Holt and Lunsford with respect to claims 1 and 56. Claims 1 and 56 are therefore allowable over the combination of Holt, Lunsford and Cheung. Accordingly, claim 6, 7, 62 and 63 are likewise allowable over Holt, Lunsford and Cheung for at least the reasons discussed in connection with claims 1 and 56. Withdrawal of the rejection of claims 6, 7, 62 and 63 therefore respectfully requested.

Claims 20 and 32 were rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Holt and Lunsford in view of Kumar et al. (US App. Pub. No. 2003/0081758) ("Kumar"). The Applicant respectfully traverses. Claim 20 depends on claim 1, and claim 32 depends on claim 23. Holt, Lunsford and Kumar fail to suggest the features of independent claims 1 and 23, for reasons discussed previously. Therefore, claims 20 and 32 are allowable over Holt, Lunsford and Kumar for at least the reason that they depend on one of claims 1 or 23. Withdrawal of the rejection of claims 20 and 32 is therefore respectfully requested.

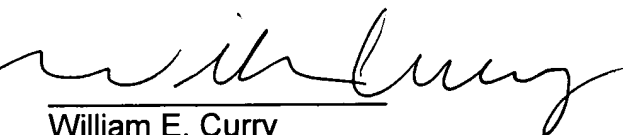
Conclusion

In light of the above discussion, Applicant respectfully submits that the present application is in all aspects in allowable condition, and earnestly solicits favorable reconsideration and early issuance of a Notice of Allowance.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at (202) 220-4323 to discuss any matter concerning this application. The Office is authorized to charge any fees related to this communication to Deposit Account No. 11-0600.

Respectfully submitted,

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